

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Deadrick (Thomas), Bartling, Bradford, Buckingham, Dykstra, Elliott, Heineman, Juhnke, LaRue, McLaughlin, and Teupel and Senators Duenwald and Koskan at the request of the Interim Committee on School District Educational Equality and Organization

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require schools to offer a core curriculum in order to
2 meet state accreditation standards.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 In order to be accredited by the state, a public or nonpublic school, in addition to conforming
7 to the accreditation standards adopted by the South Dakota Board of Education, shall also offer
8 a core curriculum that, at a minimum, includes the following high school courses:

9 (1) Four units of English: Courses with major emphasis on grammar, composition, and
10 literary analysis; one unit of debate instruction may be included to meet this
11 requirement;

12 (2) Four units of algebra or higher mathematics: Courses in algebra, geometry,
13 trigonometry, or other advanced mathematics including accelerated or honors
14 mathematics provided at the eighth grade level;



- 1 (3) Four units of science including three units of laboratory science: Courses in biology,
2 chemistry, or physics in which at least one regular laboratory period is scheduled
3 each week, and accelerated or honors science provided in the eighth grade;
- 4 (4) Three units of social studies: Courses in history, economics, sociology, geography,
5 government, including United States and South Dakota, and American problems;
- 6 (5) Two units of a modern (including American Sign Language) or classical language;
- 7 (6) One unit of fine arts: Courses in art, theater, music appreciation, music analysis, or
8 music appreciation; and
- 9 (7) One-half unit of computer science: Courses that provide basic keyboarding skills and
10 give students experience in using computer word-processing, databases, and
11 spreadsheets, and in using the internet or other wide area networks.

12 For purposes of this section, a unit is a unit of credit or the measure of time within a single
13 school term during which a secondary course meets. Fractional units of credit may be granted
14 based upon proportionate time spent in class.

15 Section 2. That § 13-1-12.1 be amended to read as follows:

16 13-1-12.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall ~~adopt~~ promulgate rules pursuant to
17 chapter 1-26 to establish standards for the classification and accreditation of schools within this
18 state, to establish standards for preparation of certified personnel, to set forth procedures for
19 determining the eligibility of school districts to receive state foundation aid effective January 1,
20 1997, to adopt policies and rules necessary to establish standards and procedures for
21 vocation-technical education and to establish ~~minimum~~ other curriculum requirements for all
22 public and nonpublic schools within the state.

23 Section 3. This Act is effective on July 1, 2006.